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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER RULE 116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this document in response to the Official Action of September 26, 2007. A Petition for Extension of Time, and payment of \$60.00, accompany this document.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview of January 9, 2008.


During the interview, the undersigned explained that the pending claims contain specific limitations not found in the references. The Examiner then suggested that the undersigned submit a Request for Reconsideration.

The attached Remarks summarize the issues discussed with the Examiner by telephone.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, and in the previous Amendment, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants therefore request reconsideration and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicants ask that he telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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